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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 26, line 23, replace "A-d" with --A-D--;
line 26, replace "5A" with --6A--; and
line 27, replace "5B and 5C" with

--6B and 6C--.

Page 57, line 1, replace "MACHa" with $--MACH\alpha--$.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please find attached hereto a red-inked copy of Fig. 6D adding "(1-408)" to the figure for the Examiner's approval.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification are being made